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SUBJ: PURPORTED ACEHNESE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

- 1. TWO MEN VISITED CONSULATE THIS MORNING TO REQUEST THAT CONSULATE TRANSMIT LETTER FROM TENGKU HASAN M. DI TIRO TO PRESIDENT CARTER. ENCLOSED WITH LETTER WAS PURPORTED "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ACEH, SUMATRA" SIGNED BY DI TIRO AS "CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF ACEH SUMATRA, AND HEAD OF STATE." ONE OF THE MEN WHO BROUGHT THE LETTER SAID HIS NAME WAS ALI AND THAT HE WORKED FOR A COMPANY NAMED "ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS." HE SAID THAT HE WAS FROM SIGLI, ACEH. HE AND THE MAN ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE WELL-DRESSED AND MR. ALI SPOKE IN GOOD ENGLISH. THEY DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER OR THE "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE" BOTH OF WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH.
- 2. DI TIRO'S LETTER INFORMS THE PRESIDENT THAT HIS "GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ACEH SUMATRA" WILL UNDERTAKE TO PROTECT US NATIONALS IN ACEH BUT THAT THIS PROTECTION CANNOT BE EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO TRANSFER FUNDS OR MAKE CREDITS TO THE "ILLEGAL JAVANESE COLONIALIST MILITARY JUNTA ON THE ISLAND OF JAVA." HE ALSO ASKS THE PRESIDENT TO "DECLARE US IMPARTIAL NEUTRALITY IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ACEH SUMATRA AND THE SO-CALLED INDONESIA.

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3. DI TIRO CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED A PHD DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1964 AND SAYS THAT DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI WAS A MEMBER OF THE PANEL FOR HIS ORAL EXAMINATION. HE ALSO CLAIMS TO KNOW OTHER PROMINENT AMERICANS. POST FILES INDICATE THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE LATE 1960'S IN TRYING TO REACTIVATE THE DARUL ISLAM MOVEMENT IN ACEH AND NORTH SUMATRA. WE DO NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT

WHEREABOUTS OR ANYTHING ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION HE CLAIMS TO LEAD. NEITHER DOES THE POST HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT MR. ALI OR ABOUT HIS ALLEGED COMPANY, "ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS."

4. LETTER WITH ENCLOSED "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE" FORWARDED THIS DATE UNDER COVER OF MEDAN A-8. WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION AND REPORT AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
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